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Misappropriation of public funds by Sri B. Kamalaksha Pai, ex-President of the Badiadka Panchayat Board.

* 437 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any memorandum on 12th June 1953 addressed to the Chief Minister containing certain allegations of misappropriation of public funds and other charges against Sri P. Kamalaksha Pai, ex-President of the Badiadka Panchayat Board, Kasaragod taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri K. RAJARAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter was enquired into and surcharge proceedings against the ex-president for the recovery from him of the amounts held under objection in audit are being taken."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, apart from the surcharge proceedings, will the Government entrust this matter to the Police to institute criminal proceedings against those who are responsible for it."

The Hon. Sri K. RAJARAM :—" It has been referred to the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils to find out whether there is any ground for taking criminal proceedings."

Sri M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know, Sir, who submitted the memorandum and are Government aware of the fact that there are two powerful local parties, one led by Sri B. Kamalaksha Pai, the ex-president and the other by the President of the Panchayat Board? "

The Hon. Sri K. RAJARAM :—" Government are not aware of it. I take the information from the hon. Member."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Were not this Government shelving the matter because of the particular affinity of the ex-president to a particular political organization? "

The Hon. Sri K. RAJARAM :—" I do not think, the hon. Member means what he says." (Laughter.)

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" On a point of order, Sir. While replying to the question put by the hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup, the Hon. Minister for Local Administration said : 'I do not think, the hon. Member means what he says.' That means the Hon. Minister imputes motives and dishonesty to the hon. Member. This affects the privileges of hon. Members of this House. I wish either the Hon. Minister withdraws what he said or makes suitable amends for what he has said. He categorically said that the hon. Member did not mean what he said."

The Hon. Sri K. RAJARAM :—" The hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup knows really that the Government are not shelving the matter. There might have been delays formerly.

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But the hon. Member knows fully well that the present Minister in charge of Local Administration is taking action quickly and necessary instructions are also being issued in time. Therefore I said he did not really mean what he said. There is nothing more in that."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I want your ruling on the point of order raised by me, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister has explained the matter. The hon. Member must be satisfied with that explanation."

SRI D. K. RAJU :—" In view of the fact there are numerous cases of misappropriation like this in panchayat boards, will the Government issue a general order that Government will not treat such matters lightly? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" We will consider the suggestion, Sir."

Starting of a Harijan colony in Panathady village, Kasaragod taluk.

* 438 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to start a Harijan colony in Panathady village, Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The colony will be started as soon as the survey work is completed."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know, Sir, how far the survey work has progressed? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Sir, the Collector, South Kanara has reported that R.S. No. 313/6 Panathadi village, Kasaragode taluk, measuring about 1,600 acres are unsurveyed lands and that about 150 families have settled down there since several years by constructing houses and bringing lands here and there under cultivation. The plots occupied have not so far been assigned to the occupants as it was not found possible for the surveyors to measure the huge area due to the hilly nature of the land with ups and downs and prepare subdivision records. Sanction was accorded to the appointment of the special surveyor, etc., in G.O. No. 1004, Revenue, dated 6th April 1953, to attend to this item of work exclusively for a period of four months. The Special Staff was appointed for this work with effect from 13th September 1953 and the sanction accorded expired on